(d) No.

(e) Parity of PIO card holders with NRIs in this sector is still under consideration of the Ministries concerned.

Amendment to the Citizenship Act, 1955

431. SHRI MURLI DEORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to grant dual citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and have issued ordinance in this regard;

(b) whether by this amendment PIOs would be eligible to become citizen of India;

(c) whether PIOs are now to be treated at par with NRIs as far as their investments in various sectors like aviation, including domestic airlines are concerned;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) what other facilities are being extended to PIOs and women married to them;

(f) whether Government are actively considering setting up universities for the higher education of Indian diaspora; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, subject to eligibility and subject to certain conditions and restrictions.

(c) No.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Spouses of PIO card holders can also apply for PIO card and can enjoy the same benefits as PIOs.

(f) Yes.

(g) A proposal received for setting of a PIO university is under examination of the Ministry of HRD.

Recruitment agencies for foreign employment

†432. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed recruitment agencies at present in India which are engaged in recruiting unemployed youths in foreign countries, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have received complaints against these agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 4457 recruiting agencies have been registered under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. The State-wise information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has received complaints against some of these recruiting agencies.

(c) 100 complaints have been received against the recruiting agencies since January, 2004 to till date (upto 25.07.2005). As a follow-up action, registration certificate of 44 recruiting agencies were suspended and 14 were cancelled.

Statement

State-wise list of recruiting agents upto 25.07.2005

Sl.No.	Name of the States	No. of Agents
1	2	3
1.	Delhi	864
2.	Uttaranchal	03
3.	Kerala	372
4.	Bihar	02
5.	Orissa	08
6.	West Bengal	22

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.